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It is a historical fact that after every great war, the medical center of the world is changed and the war just over will be no exception to the rule. In line with these ideas and in order to give New York City this opportunity to at least become one of the leading teaching medical centers of the world, our organization has been formed.

In addition to Dr. Phillips and Dr. Emerson, the following compose the officers of the association: Dr. George D. Stewart, president of the New York Academy of Medicine, first vice-president; Dr. Glentworth Butler, chief medical consultant of the Long Island College Hospital, second vice-president; Dr. Arthur F. Chace, stomach specialist of the Post-Graduate Hospital, treasurer. The trustees are Colonel Charles H. Peck, Dr. William Francis Campbell, Dr. John E. Hartwell, Dr. Frederick Tilney, Dr. Otto V. Huffman, Dr. Adrian Lambert, Dr. Samuel A. Brown, Dr. James Alexander Miller, and Dr. George W. Kosmak.

THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Owing to the great advances made by American chemistry as a result of the European war, the fifty-eighth meeting of the American Chemical Society to be held in Philadelphia from September 2 to 6 inclusive will be undoubtedly the largest ever held by that organization.

The membership which has increased nearly twofold since 1914 is now 13,600 and is being augmented every month. The sessions which are to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford will touch upon problems of reconstruction growing out of developments which place the American chemist so much on his own resources both for materials and apparatus with the closing of foreign markets.

One of the features of the meeting will be the first session of the newly organized dye section. There will be a joint session of this section with the Division of Industrial Chemists and Industrial Engineers to consider a proposal to revise the patent laws. It has been suggested the charging of nominal annual renewal fee would compel many patentees to work their patents, rather than to permit them to be idle for many years.

Special arrangements have been made to give to all delegates access to the chemical plants of Philadelphia. There will also be an excursion on the Delaware River which will give them the opportunity of viewing the munition works erected in that region. The conversion of such establishments to the ways of peaceful industry will come up in various aspects before divisions of the society.

The provisional program is as follows: September 3, council meeting and dinner to council tendered by the Philadelphia Section; September 3, general meeting, with addresses by Newton B. Baker and other distinguished speakers; followed by divisional meetings; September 4, divisional meetings and president's address, by Dr. William H. Nichols, at the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania. September 5, divisional meetings and banquet in the evening at Bellevue-Stratford, the program to conclude on the sixth with excursions and automobile trip to Valley Forge.

The Philadelphia Section urges that members write now for hotel accommodations.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

Dr. Abraham Jacobi, the distinguished physician and author, professor emeritus of diseases of children in Columbia University, died on July 11, in his eighty-ninth year.

Professor Albert A. Michelson, head of the department of physics at the University of Chicago, has been appointed to the rank of commander, U.S.N.R.F. He served as lieutenant commander in the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department at Washington during the war.

The Royal Geographical Society has conferred its patron's medal on Professor William Morris Davis for eminence in the development of physical geography.

Professor H. Gideon Wells, of the department of pathology of the University of Chicago, has been decorated with "the Star of Roumania" by the King in recognition of his work as head of the American Red Cross Mission to Roumania.